

The Linked Parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara



“As members of the Body of Christ, the linked parishes of St. Barbara and Corpus Christi celebrate the presence of God in all people through our thoughts, words and deeds. We answer Christ’s call as a community of believers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.”

November 26, 2023

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**

**Corpus Christi/
St. Barbara Parishes
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Sunday

7:30AM St. Anthony

9:00AM Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Immaculate Conception

Confession

Saturday

3:00PM to 3:30PM

St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

November 19, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,508.00

E-Giving.....\$85.00

Total \$5,593.00

2nd Collection \$650.25

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$10,236.40

E-Giving.....\$2,228.43

Total \$12,464.83

2nd Collection \$928.35

No Bazaar \$25.00

Total \$3,325.00

The “Giving Tree”

This Christmas project is organized by the members of the Social Concerns Committees of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. On the “Giving Trees” are hundreds of tags representing Christmas wishes of some children from our local area. They range in age from infant to 17 years. The success of this project depends on the generosity of both of our parishes as well as our friends and neighbors.



► On the tag you will find the child’s first name, age, his/her size (we included sizes for anyone who wishes to purchase clothing) and an item from his/her Christmas wish list. Just choose a tag, purchase the gift/gifts, wrap them and securely attach the tag to the gift. On each tag is a family number which is how we identify the child who will receive the gift. If you have multiple gifts for a child, please tie the gifts together or place them in a large bag with the tag securely fastened.

► Please know your wrapped gifts may be returned to any church. They do not have to be returned to the church from which you took the tags. At St. Anthony’s Church, please place wrapped gifts in front of the altar. At Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception, wrapped gifts should be placed on the altar near the “Giving Tree.”

► Please know the very last day to return your “Giving Tree” gifts is Sunday, December 17 at any morning Mass.

► For your convenience, a virtual “Giving Tree” can be accessed on SignUp Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAF29A2FBCE9-46313986-giving>.

► Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com.

“A Thanksgiving Thank You”

On behalf of our Social Concerns Committees from both parishes, thank you to the adult and teen volunteers who showed up to help fill over 300 Thanksgiving food bags and who helped work the drive thru pick-up last Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to all for your very generous monetary donations and to everyone who brought non-perishable foods and frozen turkeys.

We wish to thank the Forty Fort Lions, Pittston Knights of Columbus Council 372, Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly 948, West Pittston American Legion Post 542, The Dr. Jen’s Hope Fund of the Luzerne Foundation for their continued monetary support of our projects. Thank you to Experience Fitness LLC, Plains for their generous donations of turkeys and non perishable foods. Thank you to Sacred Heart Church, Dupont for their generous donations of non-perishable foods.

Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who, so generously, continue to answer our call with non perishable foods and monetary donations. Please know, because of your kindness, our Social Concerns Committees were able to help some 150 plus local families have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving.

A special thank you to our newly formed Knights of Columbus Council 18246 for their help with the distribution on Sunday and for the collection of outerwear for adults and children. Everyone was able to select coats for their entire family!!

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Sunday, December 3rd, the 10:30AM Mass will be a "Family Mass" followed by donut Sunday in the church hall. At this Mass, boys and girls of our parishes will be doing the lecturing, bringing up the gifts and participating in the collection and passing out bulletins.

EM's Lectors and Altar Servers

The new ministry schedule will begin in January. If you have any changes to your preferred Mass serving times, please contact your coordinator before December 10th.

EM's and Lectors, contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net

Altar servers, contact Donna Mason at 570 903 9142 or toddler.dm@gmail.com

Lectors, Please contact Teresa if you would like a copy of the 2024 Workbook for Lectors. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings

► Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting on Monday, November 27 at 5:30PM in the rectory.

► Visiting Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00PM in the rectory for our next planning meeting.

Christian Women Christmas Party

All women from both parishes are invited to join us at 6:00PM on December 5th at Fox Hill Country Club. Cost is \$35 per person. Payment for reservations payable to St. Barbara Parish can be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection basket. Donations of hygiene items, men's and women's hats, scarves, socks and gloves will be accepted for Rachel's Closet at WA Secondary Center.

Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Adult Choir presents

"Lessons & Carols" an Advent Concert
Sunday, December 10, 2023 3:00PM
Immaculate Conception Church
Social to follow in Church Hall

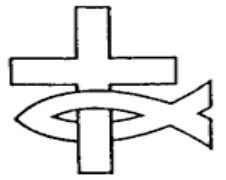
Lessons and Carols had its origin at Truno Cathedral (England) on Christmas Eve 1880, when a service of scripture and supporting carols was developed by the Bishop of Truno. In 1918 this format was adapted for Christmas Eve at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. The BBC broadcast from King's College helped to popularize the Service of Lessons and Carols, and it was quickly duplicated by cathedrals and small churches throughout the world. The heart of the service continues to this day-that is, the retelling of the Christian's story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. All are welcome!

Corpus Christi Parish Winter Lottery

For a \$25 donation you have the chance of winning \$50 Monday thru Saturday or \$100 on Sundays during January, February & March 2024. Or you can win \$150 on the following bonus days...January 1 & 15, February 1 & 15 and March 1 & 15. For additional tickets, please e-mail need-tickets123@gmail.com and we will gladly mail them to you

No Religious Ed Classes today, Sunday, November 26. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 3rd.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



November 27 thru December 2, 2023

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| Mon | 7:30AM (ICC) | Rose & George Gyomory By Daughters |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Dorothy Coolbaugh By Linda Kulikuskus |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Lisa Mazur By Stephen Mazur |
| Tues | 7:30AM (ICC) | Tyler Patrick Egan By Dixon Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Sandra Charney By Carl & Lois McGrady |
| Wed | 7:30AM (ICC) | Michael Cotter By Joan Hennigan |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Norma Serino By Leona & Joe Scarantino |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | William Loyack By Wife, Lucille & Family |
| Thur | 7:30AM (ICC) | Cornelius Allen By Mary (Sorick) Kurlandski |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Mark Kleback By M/M Robert Hyzenski |
| Fri | 7:30AM (ICC) | Thomas Battle By Ann Hrobak |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | John Tallo By Fran & Ray Franko |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Amy & Richard Petrucci By Lucille & Children |
| Sat | 4:00PM (SAC) | Bobby Robbins By wife, Children & Grandchildren |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families By John & Maryellen Serafin |
| Sun | 7:30AM (SAC) | George N. Morgan, Sr By Tommy & Chrissy Campenni |
| | 9:00AM (HR) | Rita Colando By Barbara Begliomini |
| | 10:30AM (ICC) | Dec'd Members of Vanavage Family By BettyAnn & Mike Capizzi |

Candles

These candles will burn the week of November 26 thru December 2 in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

William R & Martha T Rowe.....By Bill & Nancy Rowe

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Marian & Herman Ciampi.....By Daughters, Marguerite & Michalina

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Robert Kowalczyk.....By Wife, Son & Family

Altar Candles at SAC

George Gercak.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Dec'd Membs of Nello & Orella Caparoni Family.....By Family